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CIA Harassment Is Alleged After Worker Reports Abuse:

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A former covert case officer for the Central Intelligence Agency has sued the agency, accusing officials of harassing her rather than investigating her complaints about the misuse of funds and other improprieties.

The woman, identified only as "Jane Doe" in the suit filed in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, alleged that CIA officials attempted to fire her after she reported abuses she said she discovered overseas on a special assignment in July 1981.

"Jane Doe" is still employed by

the agency.

The suit, which accuses the agency of violating her civil rights and its own regulations, seeks unspecified damages and recovery of legal fees. A CIA spokesman had no comment.

Named in the suit are CIA Director William J. Casey, Deputy Director John N. McMahon; Executive Director Charles A. Briggs; John Stein, deputy director of operations; Claire George, assistant deputy director of operations, and James Glerum, chief of a division of operations.

According to the suit, the employe: was told that her former supervisor at that overseas location may have been misusing official funds for personal use. "One of these sources indicated that she was prepared to terminate a 10-year relationship with the agency because she suspected that funds owed to her had been misappropriated by Jane Doe's former supervisor," the suit said.

After she returned to the U.S. and reported the alleged improprieties, her next overseas assignment was cancelled, according to the suit. It said the woman was placed on administrative leave and forced to take a "fitness for duty" examination in retaliation for reporting her complaints.

The woman, who worked as an undercover staff employe for the CIA's Directorate of Operations from 1974 to 1982, is currently employed in the agency's Directorate of Science and Technology.

The suit was originally filed in November in Washington, but was shifted after a judge ruled that court did not have jurisdiction because the CIA is headquartered in McLean.